

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of searching fields of a data repository using dynamic term expansion, comprising:
 - obtaining a query containing at least one condition for searching at least one field of the data repository, wherein the at least one condition includes at least one base search term;
 - obtaining one or more parameters indicative of a state of an environment in which the query is to be executed, wherein the one or more parameters comprise at least one parameter indicative of a date or time of day;
 - identifying a set of expanded terms associated with the base search term based, at least in part, on the one or more parameters;
 - generating a pointer to the identified set of expanded search terms; and
 - storing the query and information related to the pointer; and
 - prior to executing the query, retrieving the query and the information related to the pointer and modifying the query to contain one or more conditions based on one or more expanded search terms retrieved using the pointer.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising modifying the identified set of expanded search terms after generating the pointer.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising recreating the pointer based on the information related to the pointer.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously Presented) A method of searching fields of a data repository using state-sensitive term expansion, comprising:
 - receiving, from a user, a query containing at least one condition for searching at least one field of the data repository, wherein the at least one condition includes at least one base search term;

obtaining one or more parameters indicative of a state of an environment in which the query is to be executed, wherein the one or more parameters comprise at least one parameter indicative of a date or time of day;

obtaining, based on the one or more parameters and the base search term, one or more expanded search terms; and

modifying the query to contain one or more conditions based on the one or more expanded search terms.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein obtaining one or more expanded search terms comprises selecting a set of expanded terms from a plurality of sets of expanded terms, each set corresponding to a different level of expansion.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein selecting a set of expanded terms from the plurality of sets of expanded terms comprises:

generating a level of expansion based on the one or more parameters; and

selecting a set of expanded search terms corresponding to the generated level of expansion.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the at least one parameter indicative of a date or time of day is indicative of when the query is to be executed.

10-25. (Cancelled)